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Young Guns & Girlz Gone Wild Program & History

Smokin' Hot! The DTBA Young Guns Bull Challenge!

DOES YOUR BULL HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO COMPETE WITH THE BEST GUNSLINGERS? TAKE THE CHALLENGE AND FIND OUT!

The Young Guns Bull Challenge is a contest that will highlight an animal's performance in a common setting with a group of similar-aged animals. A host ranch will accept up to 20 head of bull calves and will keep those animals for a period of one year. All animals in the contest will be kept segregated in their own group for the duration of the contest. All animals will be handled, fed and maintained in the same manner throughout the one year period. The animals will be weighed periodically and all data will be recorded for each animal by the host ranch.

Animals entered into the 2009 -2010 Young Guns Bull Challenge will be delivered to the Pennington County Events Center during the 2009 Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale. Delivery dates will be Thursday, February 5 and Friday, February 6, 2009. The animals will then be transported to the host ranch from this location at the conclusion of the event.

Guidelines for the contest

1. There will be a \$900 entry fee per calf. Entry fee is non-refundable. \$550 of each entry fee will go to the hosting ranch with the remaining \$350 going to the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association. This fee includes entry into the following years Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale.

2. Consignors will have the option to pull their animal out of the contest should it become injured or if it is determined that the animal has not met the minimum standards to be sold at the BHBC sale. In the case of an entry being pulled from the contest, there will be no refund of the entry fee and the animal will not be sold at the sale.

3. All data collected on the animals during the contest will be provided to both the consignor and buyer of said animal at the completion of the contest.

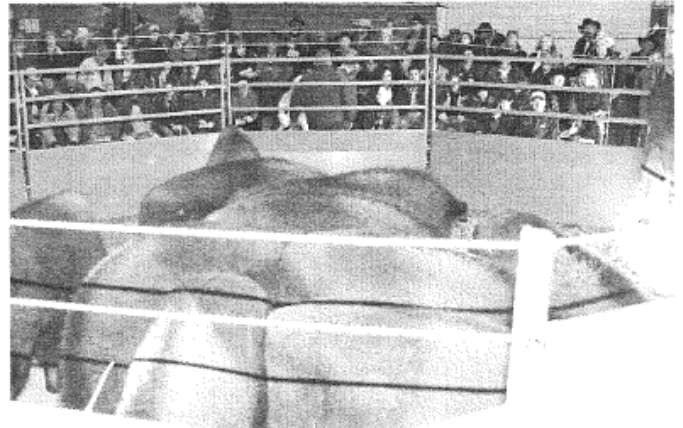
4. At the end of the one year period, all animals will return to compete at the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale as yearlings. All animals will be tested as per the rules for the Black Hills Buffalo Classic. All testing/tagging, etc. will be done by the host ranch before the animals are returned for the show. The Young Guns Bull Challenge yearlings will be judged

as a separate class from the other yearling bulls entered in the show.

5. Criteria for judging the Young Guns Bull Challenge will be divided into three categories. One third of the criteria will be based on the animal's grass gains; one third will be based on the animal's finish gains and one third will be based on the live animal judging. The winner of the Young Guns Bull Challenge will be the bull that has the highest combined score based on those three elements.

6. Placings in the Young Guns Bull Challenge will be to third place. Trophies will be awarded and cash prizes will be distributed in the following manner: Gold - \$2,000; Silver - \$1000; Bronze - \$500. The trophies and cash awards will be presented to the winning consignors during the DTBA Awards Banquet.

7. ALL entries will be sold at the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Sale as part of the Young Guns Bull Challenge class. Proceeds from the sale of the animal, minus the current sale commission, will go to the consignor of the animal.



A pen of ten heifer calves goes through the sale ring in front of a packed house at the 2008 Black Hills Buffalo Classic. A new facility allowed for new class offerings and a new level of excitement about the event. Check out our latest additions to our 2009 Black Hills Buffalo Classic!

Brainstormed in 2008 (Nov '08 newsletter)

Started in 2009

From Nov 2008 Newsletter:

"This class is structured similar to a futurity class, with bull calves being consigned by producers, all the calves go to a host ranch for one year and are then brought back to the BHBC as yearling bulls, complete with data sheets on their performance throughout the year. This will be an additional yearling bull class at the 2009 show. There were 18 entries in the class that were consigned last Feb

and we will be making plans for a whole new group of calves to come to the show this year and begin their challenge at a host ranch this Feb.”

Fall 2011 Newsletter announced for Feb 2012:

“Creation of the challenge class for heifers ~ ‘Girlz Gone Wild Heifer Challenge. The consignors will bring in yearling heifers to the BHBC show and sale. They will be judged at the show, no prizes will be awarded. They will be placed in the class from top to bottom. They, they will be taken to the host ranch where they will be weighed and then when they are ready, turned out to grass ~ meet up with some bulls ~ and get bred. They will come back in before the next show and sale and be weighed to calculate their grass gains, they will be ultrasound for a ribeye score, preg checked, & pelvic measurement taken. Then they will return to Rapid City for the 2013 BHBC where they will be judged as bred two year old heifers. The scores will be tabulated and we will find out who the winners are going to be in the first GGW heifer challenge ~ 1st host ranch for this was Cammack Buffalo Ranch.